

# Arctic Observations and Data: Using and Ecosystem Approach and Systems Science to Enhance Information Flow for Fisheries Research

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# Arctic Data: Opportunities, Challenges and the Way Forward

See <http://arcticdc.org/meetings/adcc-meetings/interoperability-workshop> for links to resources

## Sustaining Arctic Observing Network (SAON)

## SAON Data Management Workshop Report

### Developing a Strategic Approach

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The Importance of the Polar Regions Canada, to Data Science

## TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL POLAR DATA NETWORK

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## POLAR CONNECTIONS

REPORT OF THE POLAR CONNECTIONS INTEROPERABILITY WORKSHOP AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS

7-10 NOVEMBER 2016

Editors: Peter L. Pulsifer, Julie Friddell, Pip Bricher, Øystein Godøy, Colleen Strawhecker, David Arthurs, Lynn Yarmey, Andrew Fleming



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Recommendations & Observations Arising From the 'International Polar Data Forum'

15-16 October 2013, Tokyo (Japan)

The International Polar Data Forum (comprising of data managers, scientists, and research coordinators) share the current state of polar data activities and their recommendations for enhancing and sustaining core data services.



High-Level Requirements for the Next

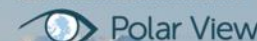
Generation of Observing Systems for the Polar Regions

Summary Report

Prepared for: European Space Agency



Prepared by: Polar View Earth Observation Limited



Workshop on Arctic Data Coordination at IPY 2012, Montreal

to begin to design an Arctic Data Coordination Network will be held at IPY 2012, Montreal

Report on  
**WORKSHOP ON  
CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE  
FOR POLAR SCIENCES**

## Data Management for Arctic Observing

A Community White Paper  
Prepared for the Arctic Observing Summit 2013

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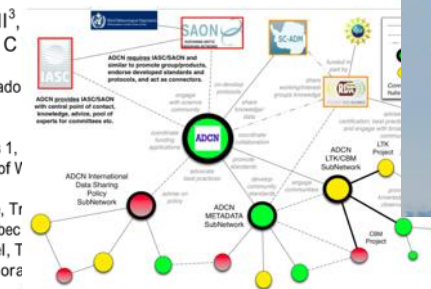
Polar Connections

Details  
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Interoperability Workshop and Assessment Process



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Response to the

Open Geospatial Consortium

Request for Information

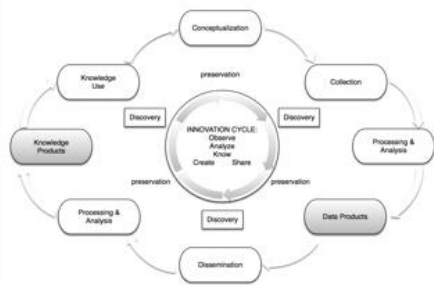
Arctic Spatial Data

Statement of Principles and Practices for Arctic Data Management  
April 16, 2013

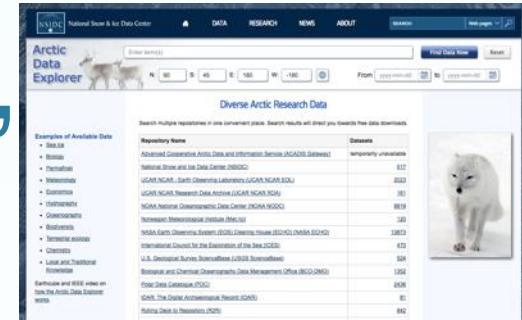
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# The Data Vision, Challenge

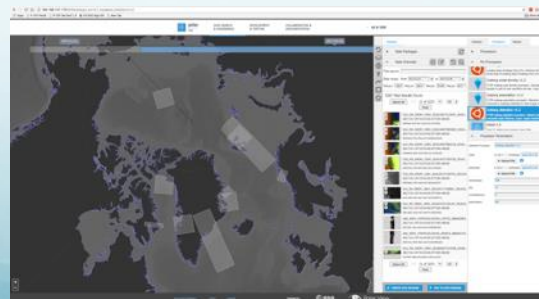


<http://nsidc.org/acadis/search/>

- “Common access, Single Window” to discuss and access data through information technology
- High quality, ethically open data preserved over time (sustainability)
- Data as a service
- Interoperability (share data among various information systems in a useful and meaningful manner)
- Inclusive of Indigenous and local perspectives
- Access to big data and powerful analytical tools (e.g. cloud platforms)
- Cost effective!



Pulsifer xxet al. 2014



Screen capture complements of Polar View



<http://eloka-arctic.org/communities/yupik/atlas/index.html>





# Arctic Data Committee

- Formed Nov '14
- IASC-SAON partnership
- National and voluntary members + Indigenous (2017)
- Promote and enable:
  - Understanding the system
  - Effective data policy
  - Infrastructure
  - Ethically open access
  - Attribution
  - Standards and interoperability – **FEDERATED SEARCH, SEMANTICS**



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2. Establishment of an IASC Data Standing Committee;
3. To undertake measures towards adoption of national data policies consistent with



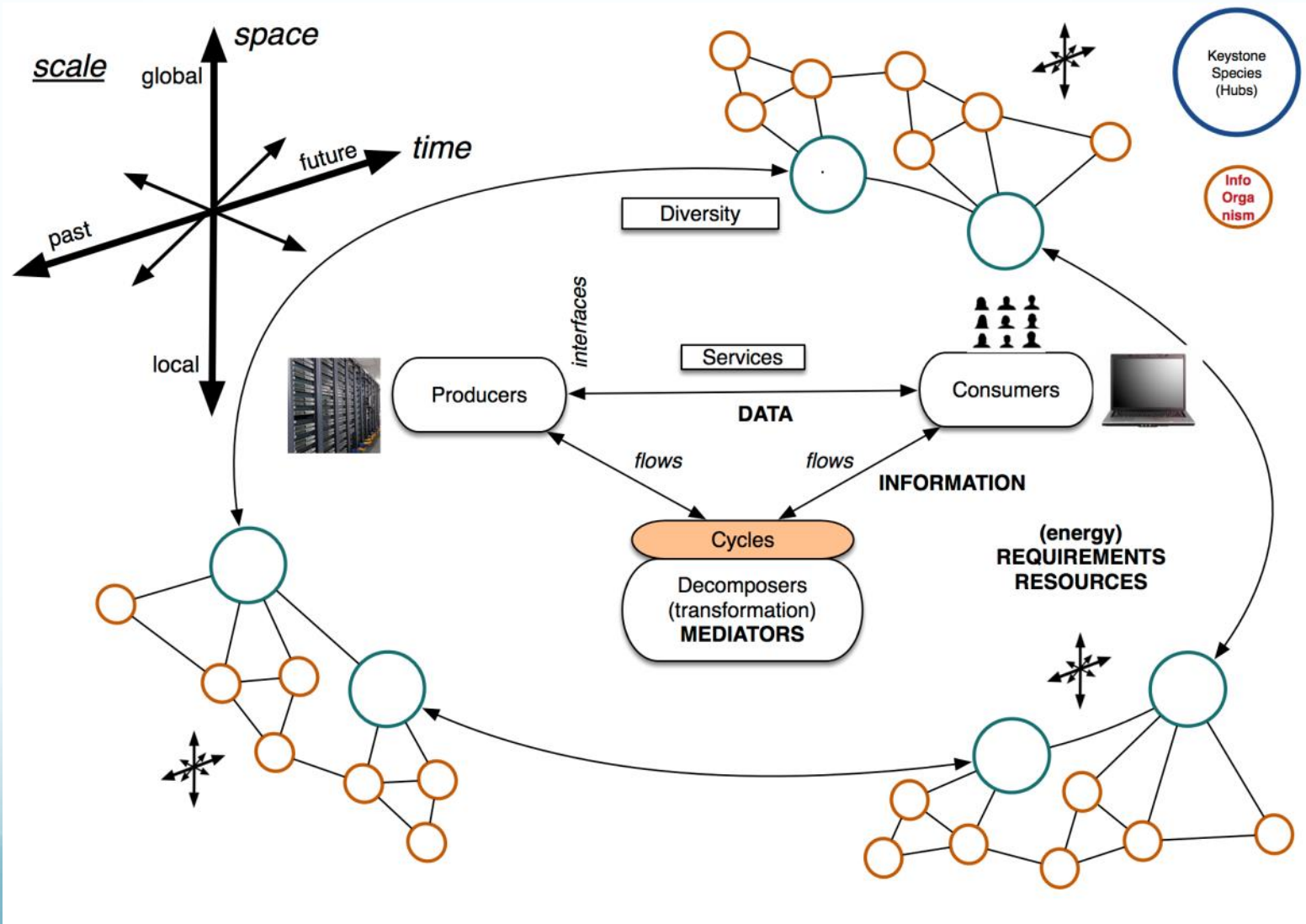
# Montreal 16-18 Sept. 2017



<https://www.rd-alliance.org/plenaries/rda-tenth-plenary-meeting-montr%C3%A9al-canada>

# Achieving the Vision: Data as a System

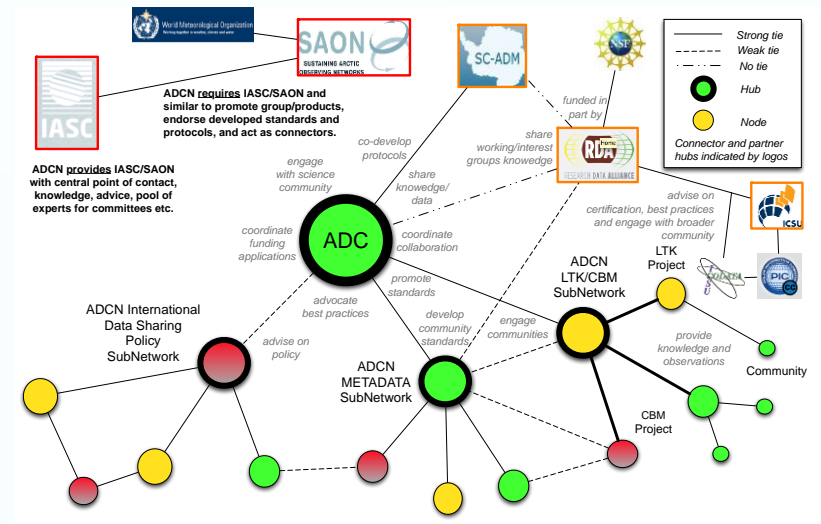
# Data Ecosystem



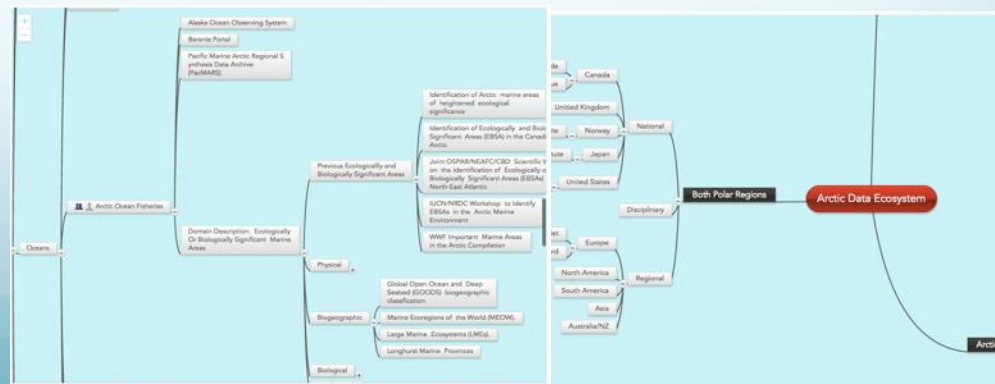


# Network Systems Science and the Need for a Distributed System

- Need to guide the design of a robust network that achieves the Vision – pragmatic, Agile
- Robust networks include **multiple \*hubs\*** and less connected nodes – “loose ties” + “hub and spoke (**scale free networks**)”
- **Distributed, multi-scale** system is what we have and what we **want!**
- Strengths: responsive, resilience, diversity, avoids catastrophic failure



Pulsifer, P. L., Yarmey, L., Godøy, Ø. et al. (2014). Towards an International Polar Data Coordination Network. *Data Science Journal*, 13, 94–102. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.2481/dsj.IFPDA-16>



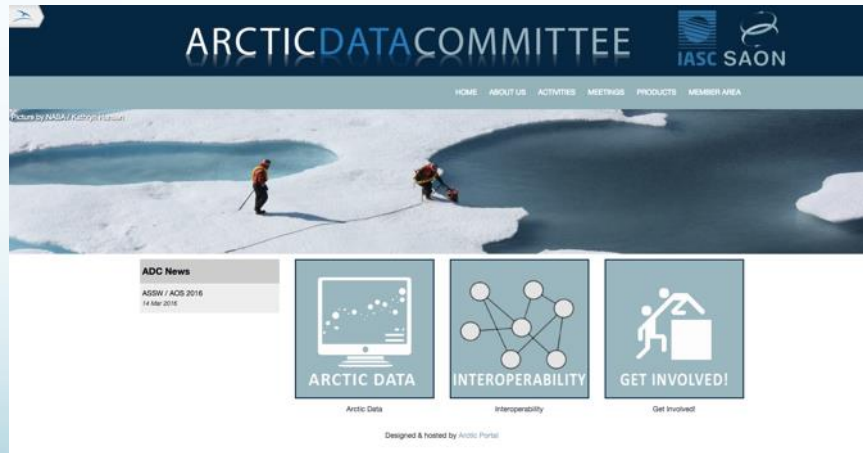


# Species (nodes): cyberinfrastructures

- Information environments that support:
  - acquisition,
  - storage,
  - management and curation,
  - integration,
  - mining,
  - visualization,
  - other processing services

# Species (nodes): mediator organizations

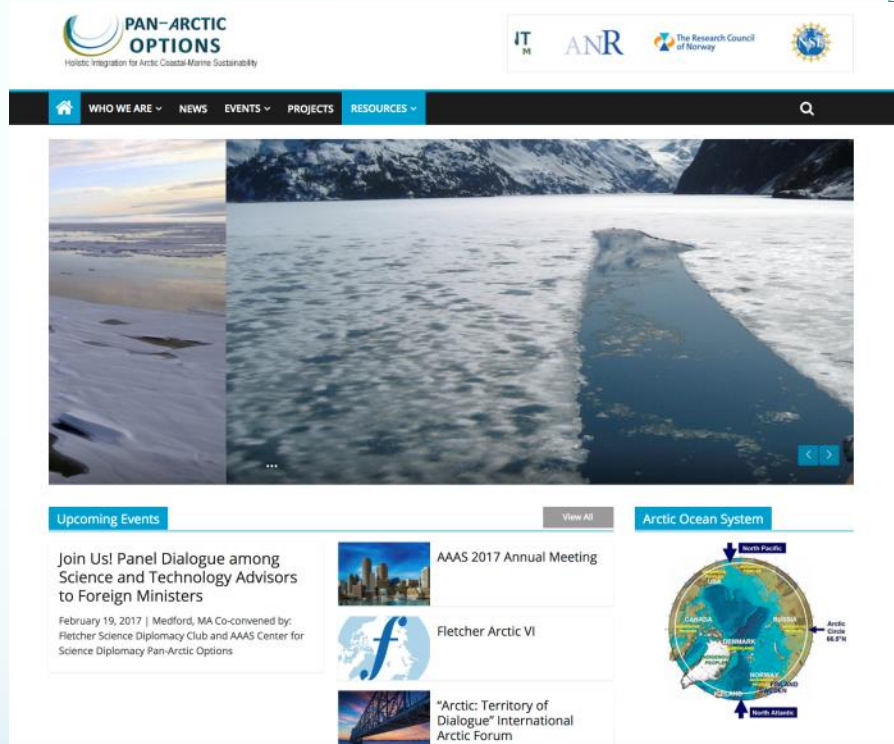
- Organizations that coordinate and drive collaboration to bring about understanding, agreement and a desired result



There are many established and emerging mediator organizations



# Understanding the data ecosystem



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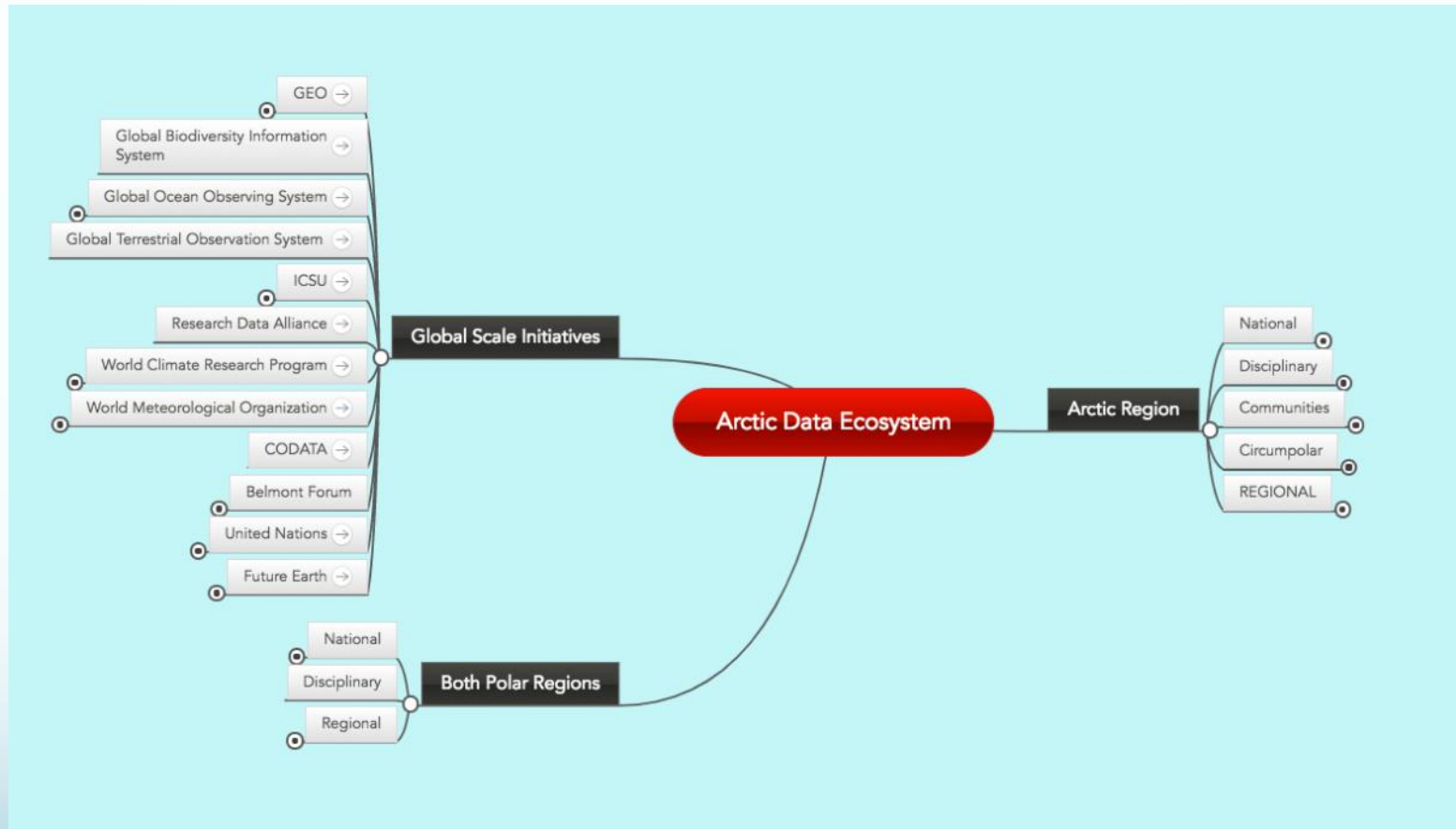
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# The Evolving System at Multiple Scales



# Preliminary System Model



<https://arcticdc.org/products/data-ecosystem-map>

At a high level, the model is quite simple

WMO

● **GEO**

- GOOS, IODE

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- RDA

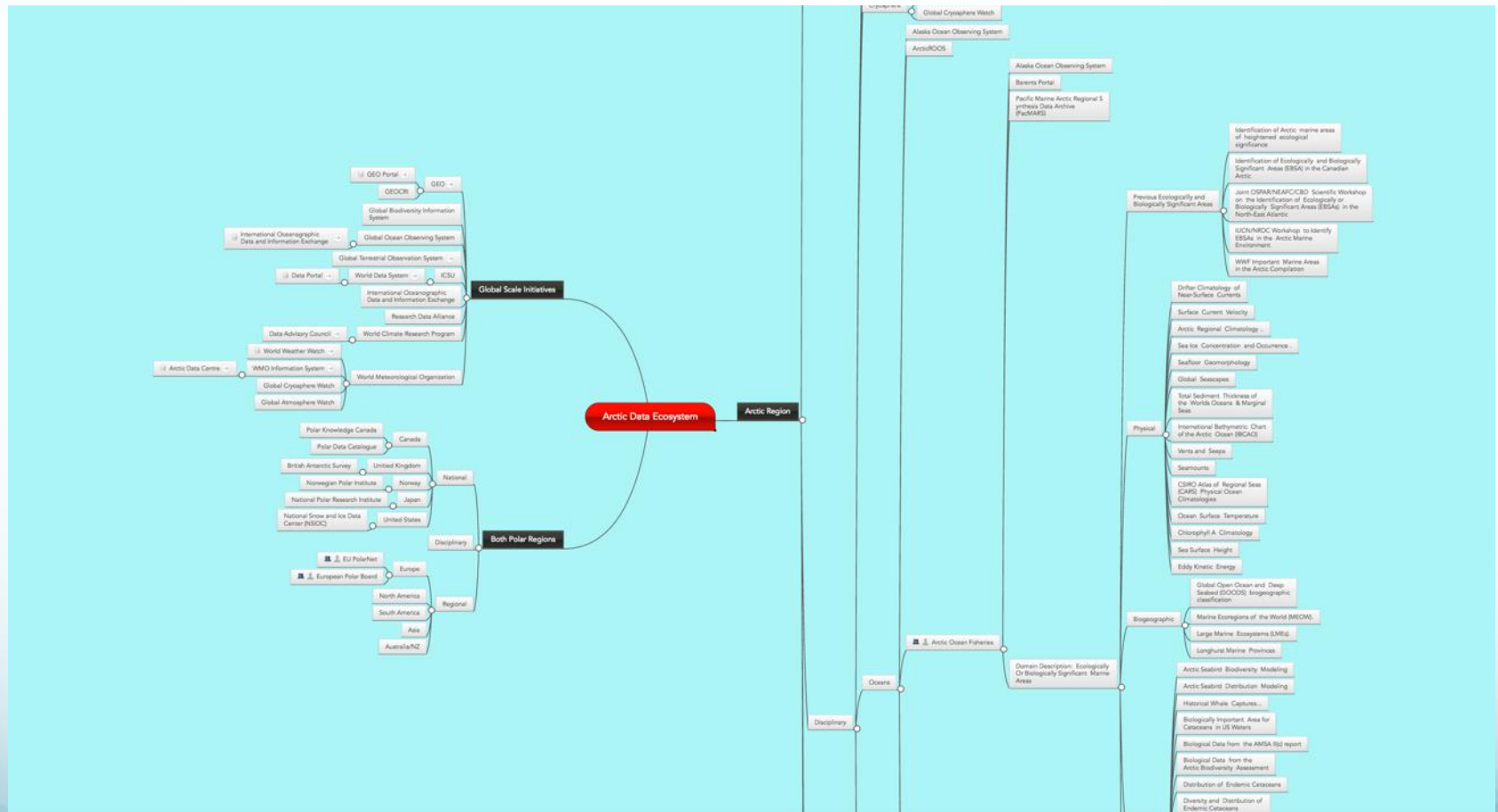
- WDS

- CODATA

- IODE (SeaData(Net)Client)



# Unpacking the Model



However, further investigation reveals significant complexity

# Polar Cyberinfrastructure & Orgs

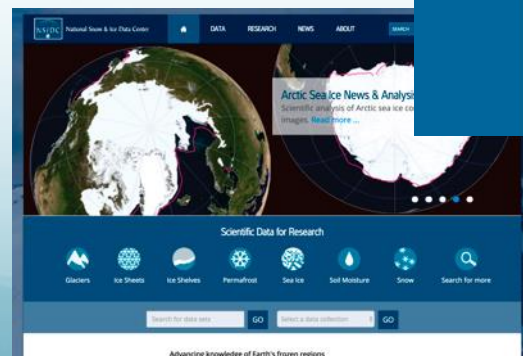
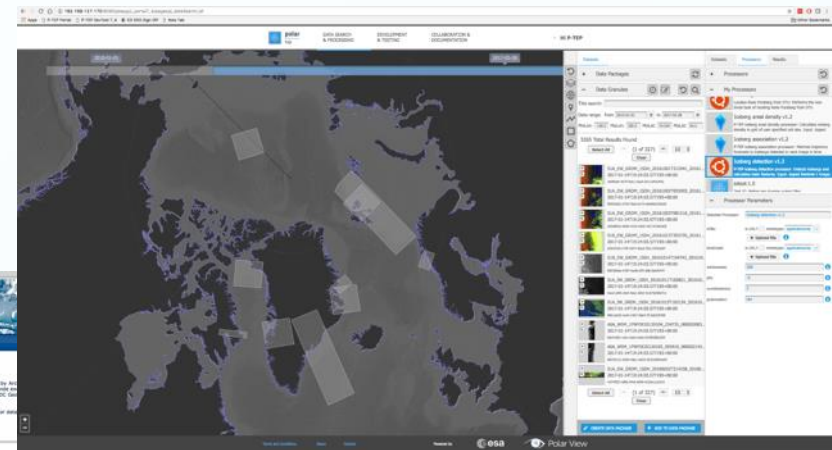
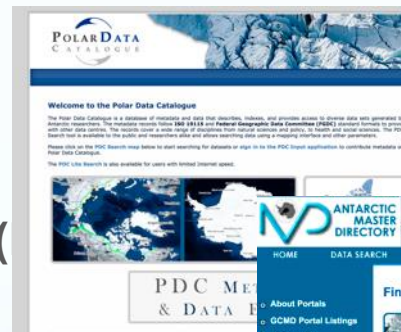
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<https://www.polardata.ca/>

<https://gcmd.nasa.gov/KeywordSearch/Home.do?Portal=amd>

<http://nsidc.org>

- Arctic Data Committee
- SCADM, SOOS
- GCW
- GEOCRI
- AMAP, (AC WGs)
- Arctic SDI
- Polar View / Polar TEP (
- EU-PolarNet
- INTAROS
- OGC ASDP
- ...



## Memorandum of Cooperation

Between  
The SCAR Standing Committee on Antarctic Data Management  
AND  
The IASC-SAON Arctic Data Committee

### Background

• SCAR Standing Committee on Antarctic Data Management was established in 2009 in response to the work of the Joint Committee on Antarctic Data Management (est. 1997). Its mandate of SCADM includes but is not limited to:

- Promotion of Antarctic data management
- Establishing Antarctic data management policies and priorities
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- Reporting to SCAR on Antarctic data management issues

For information about SCADM can be found at: <http://www.scar.org/scadm>

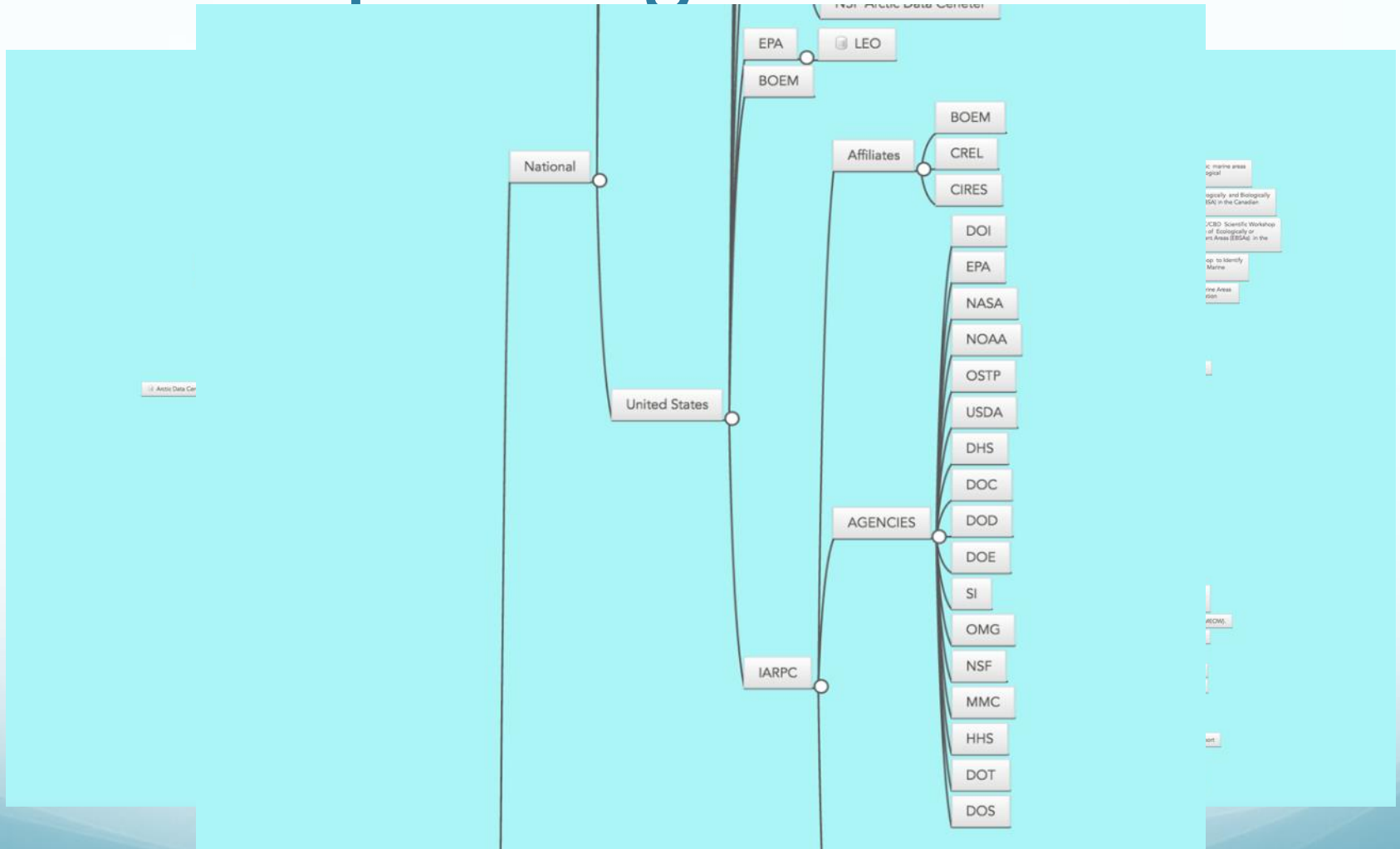
• IASC-SAON Arctic Data Committee (ADC) was established in 2014 based on a recommendation made in the IASC Statement of Principles and Practices for Arctic Data Management (April 16, 2013). The overarching purpose of the ADC is to promote and facilitate international collaboration towards the goal of free, ethically open, sustained and easy access to Arctic data through useful, usable, and interoperable systems. This includes but is not limited to:

- Advising IASC and SAON on matters related to data management and data sharing;

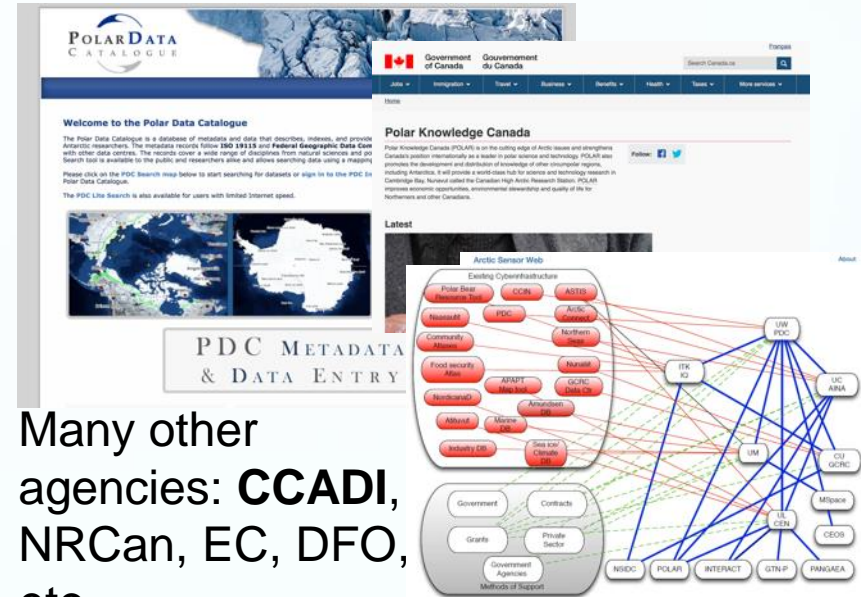
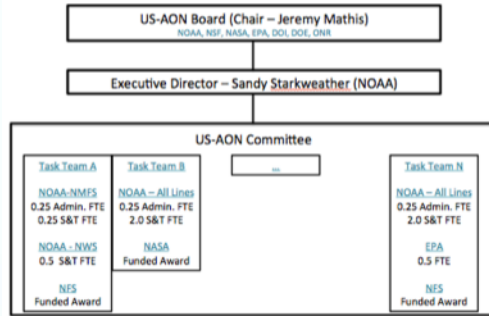




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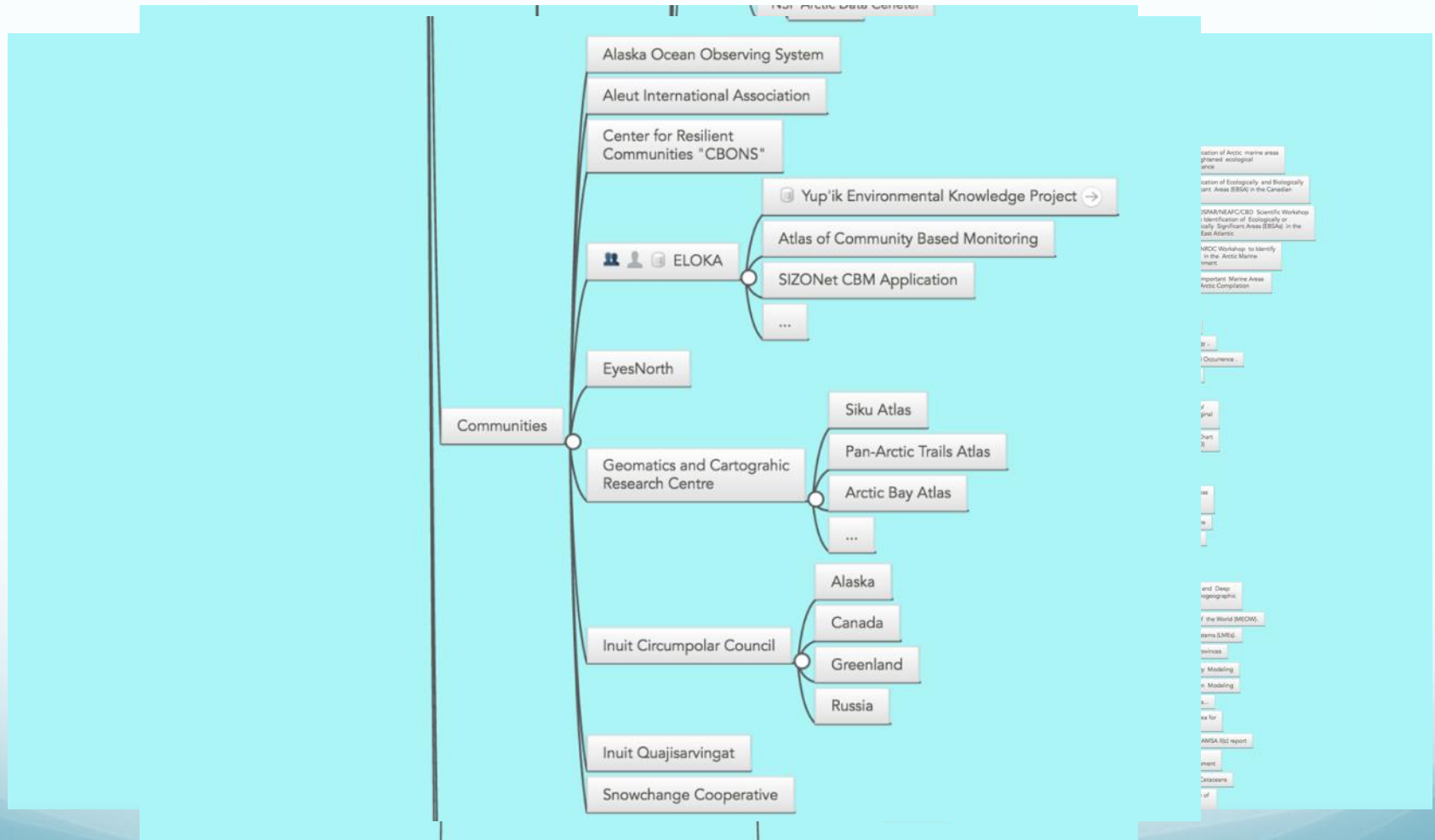
A group like IARPC in the U.S. has its own data ecosystem



Many other agencies: **CCADI**, NRCan, EC, DFO, etc.



# Unpacking the Model



As does the community of groups working with community-based data



# Local Community Hubs and Nodes

<http://www.arcticcbm.org/index.html>

<http://www.inuitknowledge.ca/>

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/tool/atlas-community-based-monitoring-and-traditional-knowledge-changing-arctic>

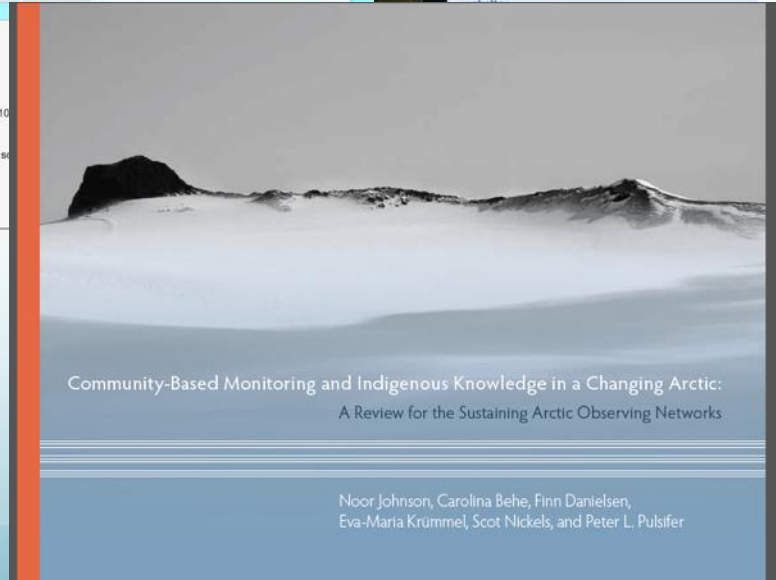
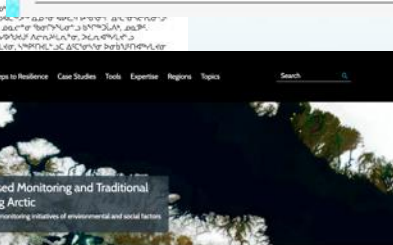
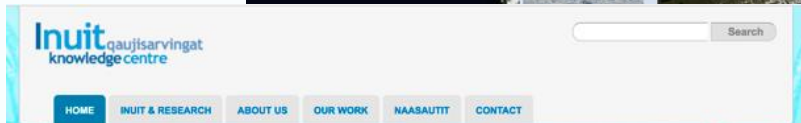
<http://ittag.ca/>

<http://prodgis02.utep.edu/BaidCommunityPlanningTool>



- Focus on Community Based Monitoring

- Inuit Knowledge Centre, ICC, ELOKA, DataArc, EyesNorth, GCRC and others

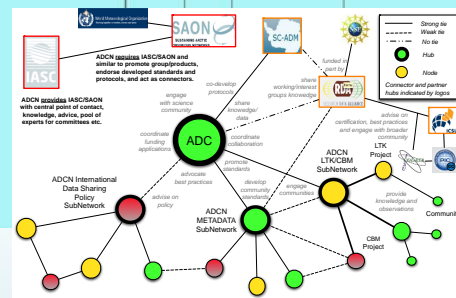
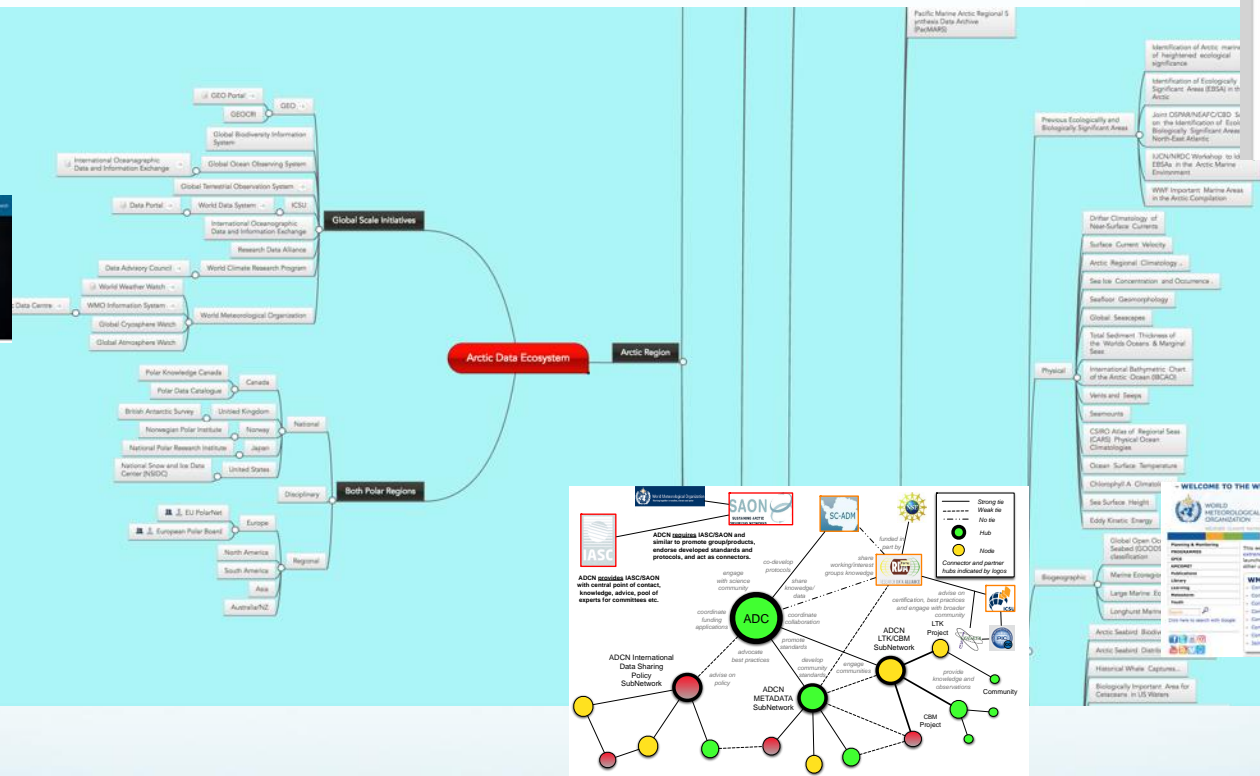


Community-Based Monitoring and Indigenous Knowledge in a Changing Arctic:  
A Review for the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks

Noor Johnson, Carolina Behe, Finn Danielsen,  
Eva-Maria Krummel, Scot Nickels, and Peter L. Pulsifer

<http://www.inuitcircumpolar.com/community-based-monitoring.html>



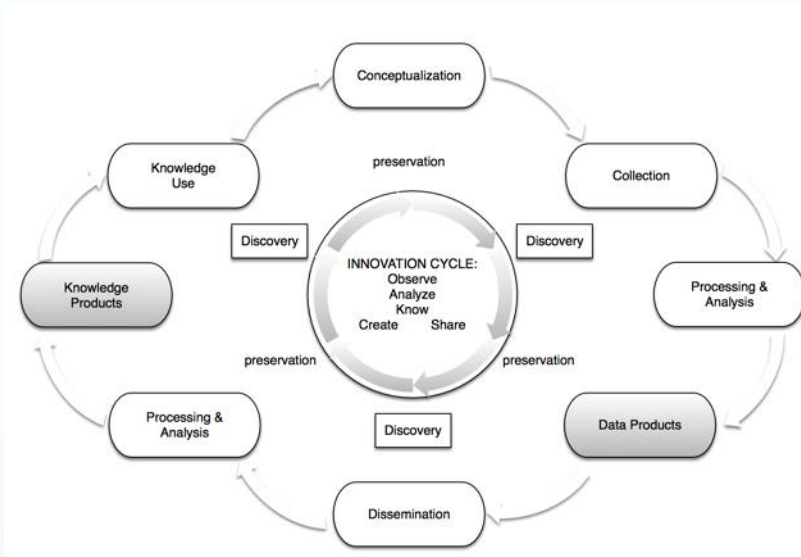


# An Arctic Data Ecosystem is Emerging. What can we promote to guide it?



# Infrastructure Thinking

- “Data as available as electricity” (Parsons)
- Infrastructure implies a view of data as **foundational** and necessary for contemporary research, livelihoods, policy, sustainability etc.
- Data has a lifecycle, but **not all parts are infrastructure** (preservation vs. visualization)
- Applications built on top of infrastructure
- Infrastructure can be designed and funded differently
- **Sustainability** is key



# Interoperability

- The capability to share data and function among various information systems in a useful and meaningful manner
- Users require little or no knowledge of system specifics
- Many standards already in place!
- **Semantics (vocabularies) remain a challenge**
- **Fundamental** to creating a **connected, integrated system** (network)



many more ...





# Mediators

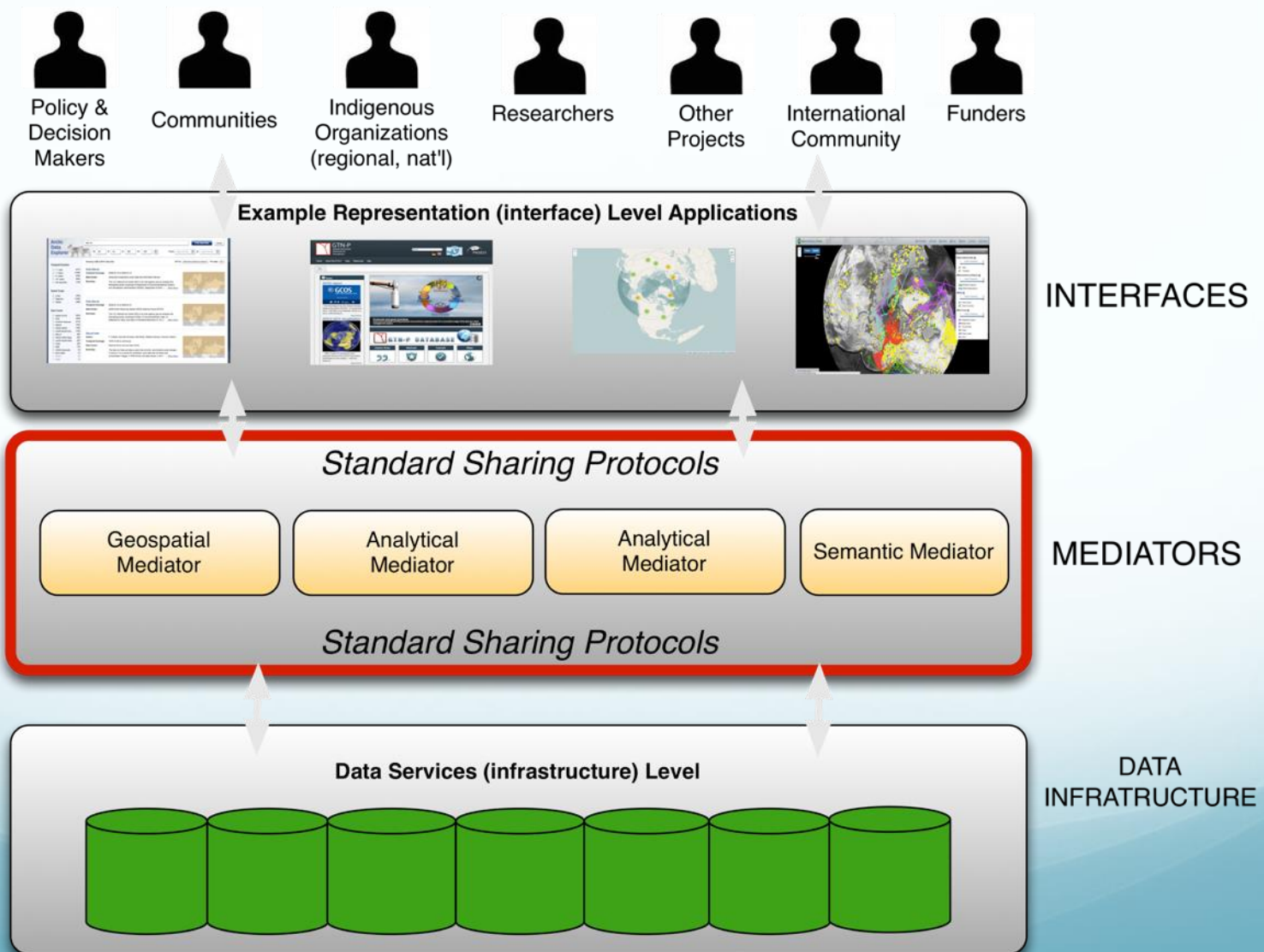
- Full standardization across different communities is difficult
- **Mediators (human and technical)** can aggregate, transform, re-distribute in support of re-use & sharing
- **Mediators** use infrastructure and can be developed and funded separately
- E.g. **Brokering** is emerging as a potential solution to some interoperability issues

<http://gtnp.arcticportal.org/>  
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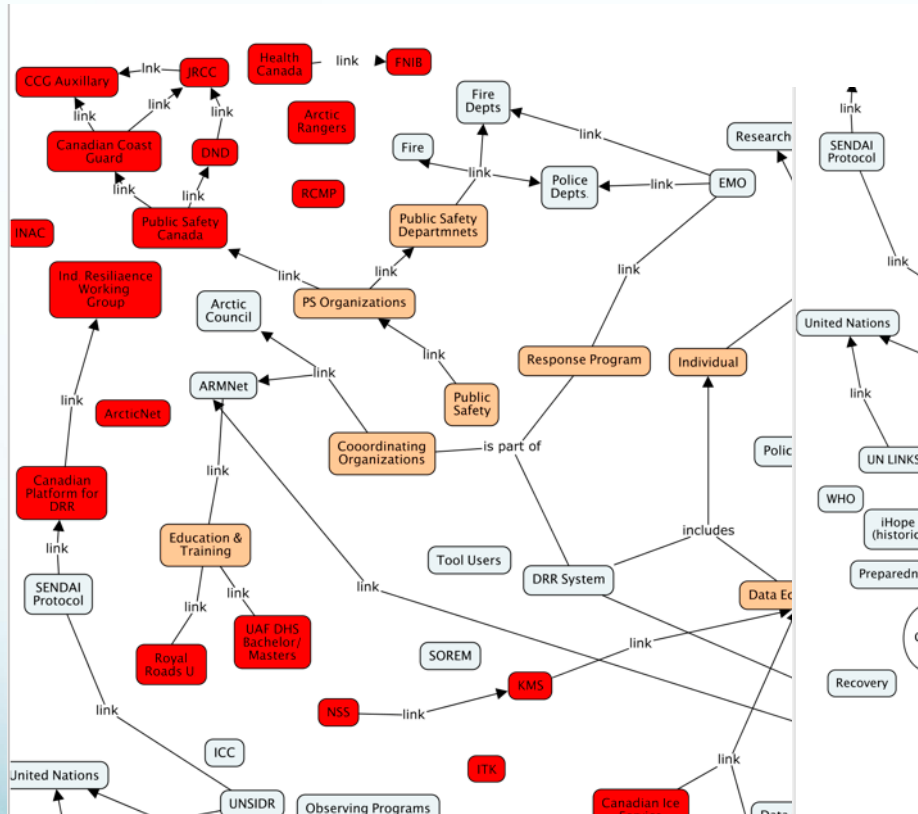




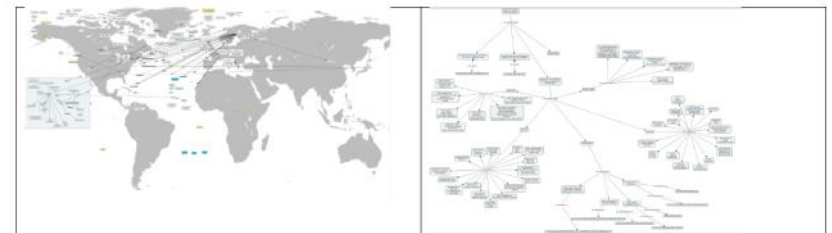
# Mediation for a Modular, Cost-Effective System



# Case Studies: Many "CoSystems"



## Mapping the Arctic Ocean Fisheries Data Ecosystem: using network science and linked data to enhance data access



Draft Concept Paper Submitted to the *Third Meeting of Scientific Experts on Fish Stocks in the Central Arctic Ocean*

Location: Montlake Laboratory  
Northwest Fisheries Science Center  
2725 Montlake Boulevard East  
Seattle, WA

Dates: April 14- 16 2015

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# “Polar Data Planning Summit”

- Evolved through SAON retreat June 2017
- Aims to bring together practitioners and signing authorities from funded DM efforts, cyberinfrastructures
- Focus on a specific, bounded case study
- ~ May 2018



Enhancing polar research and decision making: advances in international data sharing through active collaboration

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# Concluding Points

- **Situating** the system
- **Understanding** the system
- **Coordination** in an increasingly complex system – building on existing cybrinfrastructures and mediator technologies and organizations
- **Connecting and sharing across different knowledge domains** (mediation, semantics etc.)

